

REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION — ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL

July 2, 2001

12:15 p.m.

The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2001, at 12:15 p.m., the regular meeting hour, in the City Council Chamber, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, Virginia, with Mayor Ralph K. Smith presiding, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Section 2-15, Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, Regular Meetings, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

PRESENT: Council Members William H. Carder, W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., William White, Sr., William D. Bestpitch and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----5.

ABSENT: Council Members C. Nelson Harris and Linda F. Wyatt-----2.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.

COUNCIL-COMMITTEES: A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council convene in Closed Session to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A) (1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor to convene in Closed Session to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COUNCIL-DIRECTOR OF FINANCE-CITY EMPLOYEES: A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee,

requesting that Council convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters relating to evaluation of a Council-Appointed Officer and compensation for Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder moved that Council concur in the request of Council Member Harris to convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters relating to evaluation of a Council-Appointed Officer and compensation for Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COUNCIL-MUNICIPAL AUDITOR: A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in Closed Session to discuss the appointment of a new Municipal Auditor, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder moved that Council concur in the request of Council Member Harris to convene in Closed Session to discuss appointment of a new Municipal Auditor, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

At 12:17 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess for three Closed Sessions.

At 1:25 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber, with Mayor Smith presiding and all members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Council Members Harris and Wyatt.

COUNCIL: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Mr. White moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-FLOOD REDUCTION/CONTROL: The Mayor advised that the terms of office of Willard N. Claytor, Read A. Lunsford, Bill Tanger, Edgar V. Wheeler, Dennis Tinsley, Kathy S. Hill, Lucian Y. Grove and E. L. Noell as members of the Flood Plain Committee expired on June 30, 2001; Mr. Claytor has declined to serve another term; and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Read A. Lunsford, Bill Tanger, Edgar V. Wheeler, Dennis Tinsley, Kathy S. Hill, Lucian Y. Grove and E. L. Noell.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Lunsford, Tanger, Wheeler, Tinsley, Grove, Noell and Ms. Hill were reappointed as members of the Flood Plain Committee for terms ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. LUNSFORD, TANGER, WHEELER, TINSLEY, GROVE, NOELL AND MS. HILL: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-WAR MEMORIAL: The Mayor advised that the one year terms of office of Harold H. Worrell, Sr., Alfred C. Moore, Sloan H. Hoopes and Robert O. Gray as members of the War Memorial Committee expired on June 30, 2001, and

called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Harold H. Worrell, Sr., Alfred C. Moore, Sloan H. Hoopes, and Robert O. Gray.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Worrell, Moore, Hoopes and Gray were reappointed as members of the War Memorial Committee for terms ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. WORRELL, MOORE, HOOPEs AND GRAY: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES-HUMAN RESOURCES: The Mayor advised that the one year terms of office of Frank W. Feather, Pam Kestner-Chappelear, Margaret C. Thompson, Evelyn F. Board, Cynthia S. Bryant and Glenn D. Radcliffe as members of the Human Services Committee expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Frank W. Feather, Pam Kestner-Chappelear, Margaret C. Thompson, Evelyn F. Board, Cynthia S. Bryant and Glenn D. Radcliffe.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Kestner-Chappelear, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Board, Ms. Bryant and Messrs. Feather and Radcliffe were reappointed as members of the Human Services Committee for terms ending June 20, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MS. KESTNER-CHAPPELEAR, MS. THOMPSON, MS. BOARD, MS. BRYANT AND MESSRS. FEATHER AND RADCLIFFE: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU: The Mayor advised that the one year term of office of Sunny Shah as a City representative to the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the name of Sunny Shah.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Shah was reappointed as a City representative to the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors for a term ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MR. SHAH: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-PARKS AND RECREATION: The Mayor advised that the one year terms of office of Richard Clark, William Dandridge, Betty Field, Steven Higgs, Carl Kopitzke, Michael Loveman, E. C. Pace, III, and Eddie Wallace as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Committee expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Richard Clark, William Dandridge, Betty Field, Steven Higgs, Carl Kopitzke, Michael Loveman, E. C. Pace, III, and Eddie Wallace.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Clark, Dandridge, Higgs, Kopitzke, Loveman, Pace, Wallace and Ms. Field were reappointed as members of the Mill Mountain Advisory Committee for terms ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MS. FIELD, AND MESSRS. CLARK, DANDRIDGE, HIGGS, KOPITZKE, LOVEMAN, PACE, AND WALLACE: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-SPECIAL EVENTS-CELEBRATIONS: The Mayor advised that the one year terms of office of Dorothy L. Bull, David W. Davis, III, Gloria Elliott, Wanda E. English, Cynthia D. Jennings, Sabrina T. Law, Rodney L. Lewis, Estelle H. McCadden, Sharon C. Metzler, H. Marie Muddiman, Amy W. Peck, Sherley E. Stuart and Kathy Wilson as members of the Special Events Committee expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Dorothy L. Bull, David W. Davis, III, Gloria Elliott, Wanda E. English, Cynthia D. Jennings, Sabrina T. Law, Rodney L. Lewis, Estelle H. McCadden, Sharon C. Metzler, H. Marie Muddiman, Amy W. Peck, Sherley E. Stuart, and Kathy Wilson.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Bull, Mr. Davis, Ms. Elliott, Ms. English, Ms. Jennings, Ms. Law, Mr. Lewis, Ms. McCadden, Ms. Metzler, Ms. Muddiman, Ms. Peck, Mr. Stuart and Ms. Wilson were reappointed as members of the Special Events Committee for terms ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MS. BULL, MR. DAVIS, MS. ELLIOTT, MS. ENGLISH, MS. JENNINGS, MS. LAW, MR. LEWIS, MS. MCCADDEN, MS. METZLER, MS. MUDDIMAN, MS. PECK, MR. STUART AND MS. WILSON: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-OATHS OF OFFICE-ARTS COMMISSION: The Mayor advised that the three year terms of office of Robert Humphreys, Mark C. McConnel and Will Trinkle as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Robert Humphreys, Mark C. McConnel, and Will Trinkle.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Humphreys, McConnel, and Trinkle were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission for terms ending June 30, 2004, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS HUMPHREYS, MCCONNEL AND TRINKLE: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES-LIBRARIES: The Mayor advised that the three year terms of office of Herbert D. McBride, Brenda L. McDaniel and B. Gayle Graves as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of Herbert D. McBride, Brenda L. McDaniel and B. Gayle Graves.

There being no further nominations, Mr. McBride, Ms. McDaniel and Ms. Graves were reappointed as members of the Roanoke Public Library Board for terms ending June 30, 2004, by the following vote:

FOR MR. MCBRIDE, MS. MCDANIEL AND MS. GRAVES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES-GREENWAY SYSTEM: The Mayor advised that the three year term of office of Brian M. Shepard as a City representative to the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the name of Brian M. Shepard.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Shepard was reappointed as a City representative to the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for a term ending June 30, 2004, by the following vote:

FOR MR. SHEPARD: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES-PERSONNEL-CITY EMPLOYEES: The Mayor advised that the three year terms of office of William C. Holland and Stephen L. Jamison as members of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission expired on June 30, 2001, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of William C. Holland and Stephen L. Jamison.

There being no further nominations, Messrs. Holland and Jamison were reappointed as members of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for terms ending June 30, 2004, by the following vote:

FOR MESSRS. HOLLAND AND JAMISON: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES-PENSIONS: The Mayor advised that there is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan, due to the resignation of Robert Tonkinson and called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Hudson placed in nomination the name of William E. Skeen.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Skeen was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees, City of Roanoke Pension Plan, for a term ending June 30, 2005, by the following vote:

FOR MR. SKEEN: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

At 1:30 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke.

At 2:00 p.m., on Monday, July 2, 2001, the regular meeting of Roanoke City Council reconvened in the City Council Chamber, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., with Mayor Ralph K. Smith presiding, and the following members of Council in attendance.

PRESENT: Council Members William H. Carder, W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., William White, Sr., William D. Bestpitch and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----5.

ABSENT: Council Members C. Nelson Harris and Linda F. Wyatt-----2.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Frances S. Stebbins, Christian Educator, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

PRESENTATIONS:

DECEASED PERSONS: Mr. Carder offered the following resolution memorializing the late Lewis Gregory Leftwich, former Building Commissioner, for the City of Roanoke:

(#35437-070201) A RESOLUTION memorializing the late Lewis

Gregory Leftwich of Bedford County, Virginia.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35437-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

The Mayor presented a signed copy of the above referenced measure to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leftwich, son and daughter-in-law of the late Mr. Leftwich, and expressed condolences on behalf of the citizens of the City of Roanoke and the Members of City Council.

ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Mayor welcomed the newly crowned Miss Virginia, Meghan Shandley, and presented her with a Key to the City.

PUBLIC HEARING:

CITY PROPERTY-YMCA: Pursuant to instructions of Council, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, July 2, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chamber, on a proposal of the City of Roanoke to convey City-owned property located at 506 Church Avenue, S. W., and the adjoining lot, bearing Official Tax Nos. 1113419 and 1113418, to the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., upon certain terms and conditions, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Sunday, June 24, 2001.

(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

A communication from the City Manager advising that the YMCA

of Roanoke Valley, a non-profit organization, plans to construct a new 40,000 square foot Central Branch YMCA to be located at 5th Street and Luck Avenue; the facility is needed to accommodate its expanding number of programs and to replace its current outdated facility; construction of the new \$6.5 million facility is scheduled to begin no later than June 1, 2002; and the YMCA has made a formal offer to the City to enter into a collaborative agreement for partnering on the development and use of the new facility.

It was further advised that the agreement specifies that the City will provide a \$2 million grant toward construction of the indoor aquatic facility; annual equal payments will be made to the YMCA over a period of ten years, with the first payment of \$200,000.00 due by September 1, 2001; funding of the \$200,000.00 for the fiscal year 2002 payment is available in Account No. 008-530-9757-9003, and funding for the annual payment of \$200,000.00 for the remainder of the nine year commitment will be provided for annually during the budget adoption process; funding for operational support will not be requested; to facilitate construction, a real estate swap will occur between the City and the YMCA; the City will transfer title of Official Tax Nos. 1113419 and 1113418 (506 Church Avenue and the adjoining lot) to the YMCA; upon completion of construction of the new facility, the YMCA will transfer title of its current parking lot and facility, excluding the annex gymnasium, which adjoins the current Central Branch of the YMCA (425 Church Avenue), Official Tax Nos. 1011206, 1011209 and 1011210; and property received by the City may be valuable in addressing parking needs in the area.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute an agreement to be approved as to form by the City Attorney and any other documents necessary to implement terms of the agreement.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Hudson moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading:

(#35438) AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement, deed and any related and necessary documents providing for the sale and conveyance of City-owned property located

at 506 Church Avenue and the adjoining lot, bearing Official Tax Nos. 1113419 and 1113418, to the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address the matter; whereupon, Fulton Calvin Johnson, Executive Director, YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., and John Williamson, Member, Board of Directors, YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., spoke in support of the proposal.

No other persons wishing to be heard, Ordinance No. 35438, on its first reading, was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White and Mayor Smith-----4.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Member Bestpitch abstained from voting inasmuch as his spouse is employed by the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc.)

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

The Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the Members of Council and would be enacted by one motion; there would be no separate discussion of the items; and if discussion was desired, the item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meetings of Council held on Monday, October 16, 2000 and Monday, June 18, 2001, were before the body.

(For full text, see minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. White moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

OATHS OF OFFICE-SCHOOLS-HOUSING/AUTHORITY-TRANSPORTATION SAFETY-TRAFFIC: The following reports of qualification were before Council:

Melinda J. Payne and Ruth C. Willson as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board for terms commencing July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2004;

Frank W. Feather as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a term ending March 31, 2004; and

David A. Morgan for a term ending October 31, 2004, and Kenneth King, Jr., for a term ending October 31, 2002, as members of the City of Roanoke Transportation Safety Commission.

(See Oaths or Affirmations of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. White moved that the reports of qualification be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

ZONING-HOSPITALS: A communication from the City Manager advising that the City of Roanoke owns approximately 29 acres of land fronting on Colonial Avenue, S. W., Official Tax No. 1570101; the only structures currently on the property are three City owned water tanks located near the rear of the property and a building currently leased by the Specific Reading and Learning Difficulties Association of Roanoke, commonly known as the Montessori School, located at 3379 Colonial Avenue; much of the acreage is excess property that is not required for water distribution services; and the subject property offers an opportunity for mixed-use development for planned residential and commercial development, was before Council.

The City Manager further advised that on June 18, 2001, she received a communication from Carilion Health Systems, Inc., offering to purchase 2.8 acres of real estate identified by a metes and bounds description, within the 29 acre parcel of land, and fronting on Colonial Avenue; the property is currently zoned RS-2, Single Family Residential District; a C-1, Office District, zoning classification would be required for the proposed use; and the proposed use is consistent with other land uses surrounding the property.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to file an application with the City Planning Commission requesting that the abovedescribed 2.8 acre parcel of land be rezoned from RS-2 to C-1.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Mr. White moved that Council concur in the recommendation of the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

REGULAR AGENDA

HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

COMPLAINTS-REFUSE COLLECTION: Mr. John H. Kennett, Jr., 373 Allison Avenue, S. W., appeared before Council and expressed opposition to curb side collection of refuse in those residential areas where alleys are available. He advised that instead of moving the collection of trash from alleys to the curb, trash collection should remain in the alleys in those areas where alleys exist; and the program of recycling will be much more successful because citizens will willingly place refuse collection containers and recycling materials in the alley instead of begrudgingly placing them on the street. He stated that the previous effort to recycle failed because of the reluctance of citizens to place recycling containers on the street.

Mr. Kennett stated that since drafting his letter, he has been advised that his neighborhood will be exempt from alley collection; however he expressed concern with regard to compliance issues and advised that the proposed new procedure has not been adequately analyzed. He added that a public hearing was not held to receive citizen input, further study is needed before the new procedure is fully implemented, and employment of a compliance officer will cost the City additional money.

(See communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Bestpitch called attention to numerous telephone calls from citizens who were concerned about the proposed changes and expressed further concern that Council not place itself in a position that cannot be changed, if necessary. He encouraged the City Manager to fully review the refuse collection process to determine if the new procedure is working.

Mr. Hudson concurred in the remarks of Mr. Bestpitch. He requested a detailed report by the City Manager on proposed cost savings, whether the new program is working, who will be the responsible party for maintaining alleys, and how will refuse collection be addressed for those housing complexes that have eight to ten units, etc. He too requested that the City not place itself in a position that cannot be changed if it is determined that the new procedure is not working satisfactorily.

The Mayor advised that he recently had an opportunity to observe the solid waste disposal process at the time that refuse is emptied from

the refuse collection vehicles at the transportation station on Hollins Road en route to Smith Gap which was an educational experience. He requested the opportunity to participate in the process of refuse collection as the vehicle moves throughout the various City neighborhoods which will help him to understand problems, if any, that need to be addressed.

Without objection by Council, the Mayor advised that the remarks of Mr. Kennett would be received and filed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

BONDS-SCHOOLS: A communication from the Roanoke City School Board requesting that Council approve a State Literary Fund Loan application for the Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science project, which will provide \$5 million to fund part of the \$11.5 million to replace the outdated 1940's facility designed as a junior high school with a new elementary school facility; and additional debt service for the schools in connection with the project will total \$450,000.00, with debt service payments to commence in fiscal year 2003-04, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. White offered the following resolution:

(#35439-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the School Board for the City of Roanoke to make application for a loan from the State Literary Fund for replacing the outdated Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science facility with a new Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science facility.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. White moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35439-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. White offered the following resolution:

(#35440-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the School Board for the City of Roanoke to expand funds for replacing the present school building at Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science with a new building and declaring the City's intent to borrow to fund or reimburse such expenditures.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. White moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35440-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. White advised that there is a well established budget process for funding operating and capital needs of the Roanoke City school system, and referred to recent newspaper articles regarding funding needs of the school system that have not proceeded through the routine budget process or work sessions conducted by Council and the School Board. He suggested that the Mayor and/or the City Manager communicate to the appropriate school officials the importance of re-visiting the long standing budget process.

Mr. Bestpitch reiterated Mr. White's concerns. He advised that School Board Trustees understand the ramifications associated with the shortage of local revenues and the need for tax restructuring in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and School Board members have a responsibility to educate citizens on the situation. He stated that a long term solution will require that School Boards and citizens across the Commonwealth of Virginia become more involved and more educated

on the issue to insure that certain changes in tax structuring will take place to enable local governments to be in a better position to provide the necessary funds.

Richard L. Kelley, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Roanoke City Public Schools, advised that recent newspaper articles referred to by Council Member White were an outgrowth of a work session conducted by the School Board to discuss budget problems, the gist of which was that the School Board would identify potential problems and request a meeting with Council some time during the fall season. He stated that in preparing the capital plan, the School Board recognized, given the current state of finances, that there will be certain budget problems in the future, therefore, a communication was forwarded to Council identifying certain problems. He advised that the School Board has communicated financial issues to Council in preparation of a mutual discussion of specific funding issues during the fiscal year budget process.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

BUDGET-REFUSE COLLECTION: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that presently, the Solid Waste Management Division is responsible for payment of landfill tipping fees incurred by other City departments; and the current arrangement allows those other departments to dispose of waste for which tipping fees are billed to Solid Waste Management which creates a challenge for Solid Waste Management with respect to management of its annual operating budget.

It was further advised that funding presently allocated to Solid Waste Management for tipping fees can be transferred to other departments for payment of tipping fees incurred by those departments, specifically Streets and Traffic and Parks and Grounds, and this procedure will be established in future budgets prior to recommendation to Council.

The City Manager recommended that Council authorize transfer of \$187,229.00 from Solid Waste Management to Streets and Traffic and \$104,247.00 from Solid Waste Management to Parks and Grounds for tipping fee expenses to be incurred in fiscal year 2001-02.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35441-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-2002 General Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35441-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Fifth District Disability Services Board is responsible to local governments and serves as a critical resource for needs assessment, information sharing and service opportunities for citizens with disabilities, their families and the community; the following jurisdictions in the Fifth Planning District have enacted resolutions establishing their participation in a regional effort and have appointed a local official to serve: Cities of Roanoke, Salem, Covington, Clifton Forge; Counties of Roanoke, Craig, Botetourt, and Allegheny, and the Town of Vinton; and other members of the Disability Services Board include representatives from business and consumers.

It was further advised that Council authorized the Director of Finance to serve as fiscal agent for the Fifth Planning District Disabilities

Services Board on September 25, 1995; and the State Department of Rehabilitative Services has allocated funds, in the amount of \$29,600.00, for a two-year period to continue local staff support of administration of the Fifth District Disability Services Board.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to enter into a contract, to be approved as to form by the City Attorney, with existing Disability Services Board staff support to continue providing local administrative support; and that Council appropriate \$29,600.00

to a grant fund account, with a corresponding revenue estimate to be established by the Director of Finance.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Mr. Bestpitch offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35442-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-02 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35442-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#35443-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Fifth District Disability Services Board (“FDDSB”) to provide continuing local administrative staff support; upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35443-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-YOUTH-HUMAN SERVICES-EQUIPMENT: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Comprehensive Services Act Program serves 570 to 600 youth and families each fiscal year with a budget of \$8,400,000.00, which program was enacted by the General Assembly in 1993 and has operated with a manual paper process for tracking funds and client placements.

It was further advised that the City Auditor's report dated December, 2000 recommended that a computer based system be implemented to assist in the monitoring of expenditures and client services; and a team of City staff reviewed the CSA computer system at two of 22 jurisdictions that have implemented an electronic network, and all jurisdictions utilize the same system.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to enter into an agreement with Harmony Information Systems, Inc., to be approved as to form by the City Attorney, for a CSA computer based network and that Council appropriate \$100,000.00 from the fiscal year 2000-01 Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Program to a project account to be established by the Director of Finance in the Department of Technology Fund to purchase hardware, software, training and maintenance for the system.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35444-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-02 General and Department of Technology Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35444-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#35445-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the implementation of a computer-based system to assist in the provision of services under the Comprehensive Services Act Program, upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35445-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-CIVIC CENTER: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that at its May 7, 2001 meeting, Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a license agreement between the City of Roanoke and Arena Ventures, LLC, for use of the Civic Center Coliseum and related facilities to provide a number of National Basketball Development League basketball games and a certain number of events produced by SFX Concerts, Inc., in the Coliseum over a five year period; and Council further authorized certain financial arrangements in connection with the license agreement.

It was further advised that revenues and expenses associated with the license agreement need to be included in the fiscal year 2001-02 operating budget as a part of the Civic Facilities budget; additional revenues derived from the license agreement will more than offset

expenses, with net revenues designated to pay debt service for capital improvements associated with the license agreement; and additional full time positions which are needed to provide for operation of the added events include: general supervisor, trades helper, inventory control clerk, event staff supervisor and assistant concessions supervisor.

The City Manager recommended that Council appropriate revenues and expenses, as more fully set forth on Attachment 1 to the report, and authorize five new positions in the Civic Facilities Fund.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Mr. White offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35456-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-02 Civic Center Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. White moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35446-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-FIFTH DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium administers the Federally funded Workforce Investment Act for the region, which encompasses the Counties of Allegheny, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke, as well as the Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; and funding is for the following two primary client populations:

Dislocated workers who have been laid off from

employment through no fault of their own; and

Economically disadvantaged individuals, as determined by household income guidelines set by the United States Department of Labor.

It was further advised that the City of Roanoke is the grant recipient and fiscal agent for Consortium funding, thus, Council must appropriate funds for all grants and other monies received by the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium; the State office of the Virginia Employment Commission has sent the Consortium notice of Workforce Investment Act allocations for Program Year 2001-02 for Title I grants in the amounts of \$411,593.00 (adult), \$507,737.00 (youth) and \$402,314.00 (dislocated worker); member jurisdictions of the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium contribute funds to offset the agency's administrative costs; and the City of Salem has sent a contribution of \$5,985.00 for fiscal year 2001.

The City Manager recommended that Council appropriate Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium funding totaling \$1,327,629.00 and increase the revenue estimate by \$1,327,629.00 in accounts to be established in the Consortium Fund by the Director of Finance.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35447-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-02 Consortium Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35447-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-GRANTS: The City Manager withdrew a communication with regard to acceptance of 2001-02 Community Development Block Grant funding, inasmuch as the item is reported elsewhere on the agenda.

DOWNTOWN ROANOKE, INC: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that in 1986, the City established the Downtown Service District; subsequently, an agreement was entered into between the City and Downtown Roanoke, Inc., to provide the net revenue generated from the Downtown Service District to DRI, less the City's direct costs, in order to provide promotional services within the downtown district; the first agreement was for a one year term from July 1, 1987, that would be automatically extended on a year to year basis for up to five years; the agreement was amended to provide for further annual extensions until June 30, 2001; and an agreement, substantially similar to the agreement that has been in effect since 1987 has been negotiated with Downtown Roanoke, Inc.

It was further advised that promoting and developing downtown continues to be a priority of Council and other civic leaders; and the services provided by Downtown Roanoke, Inc., over the past several years have enhanced downtown businesses and the livability of the City.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute a Downtown Service District Services Agreement between the City of Roanoke and Downtown Roanoke, Inc., for a period of five years, from July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2006, with such agreement to be approved as to form, by the City Attorney.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#35448-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of a Downtown Service District Services Agreement between the City of Roanoke, Virginia, and Downtown Roanoke, Inc., (DRI), that will provide

for DRI to undertake certain activities within the Downtown Service District of the City; and authorizing the City Manager to take such further action as is necessary to implement and administer the terms of such Agreement.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35448-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

BUDGET-PARKS AND RECREATION-LEASES: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Parks and Recreation Department operates eight weeks of Outdoor Adventure Summer camps and other recreation programs, and transportation to remote outdoor sites is a necessity for the camp; the Parks and Recreation Department van, used to transport program participants, was retired by Fleet Management due to prohibitive costs in making repairs and a replacement van will be purchased in next year's budget; and in order to provide transportation for this summer's camps and other programs, the City has negotiated with Dominion Dodge to lease a 15 passenger van for the eight week period of July 6, 2001 through August 31, 2001, at \$100.00 per week.

It was further advised that the \$100.00 per week for eight weeks price negotiated with Dominion Dodge is significantly lower than the usual rate of \$800.00 per week; funding for the vehicle will be recovered by camp fees paid by participants; and when the City of Roanoke executes the lease, it will indemnify Dominion Dodge and list Dominion Dodge on the City's auto insurance.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute a lease agreement with Dominion Dodge, Inc., such agreement to be approved as to form by the City Attorney, for a 15 passenger van

for eight weeks at \$100.00 per week, with the City to pay for fuel and minor repairs, if needed.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Mr. Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#35449-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the lease of one 15-passenger van from Dominion Dodge, Inc., for use by the Parks and Recreation Department in the Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp program for a period of eight weeks, upon certain terms and conditions.

Mr. Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35449-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.
(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Hudson expressed concern with regard to safety issues, especially in view of recent news reports relating to a safety hazard in connection with this particular size van.

The City Manager called attention to the need to replace a van on a permanent basis within the City’s fleet of vehicles, and information reported by the news media regarding safety issues will be taken into consideration at the appropriate time. Mr. White requested a response by the City Manager with regard to the need to purchase a van on a permanent basis as opposed to leasing a van during the summer months when usage is higher.

Mr. Bestpitch stated that operator training is the most important safety factor and any person driving the vehicle should receive specific instruction with regard to vehicle operation. He suggested that the City express its appreciation to officials of Dominion Dodge for leasing the van at \$100.00 per week for eight weeks as opposed to \$800.00 per week which is the usual weekly lease fee.

BRIDGES-CONSULTANTS REPORTS: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the 1978 Surface Transportation Act enacted by Congress requires that all bridges, including off Federal Aid System structures, must be included in the bi-annual inspection program; supplementary bridge inspection reports are required on 62 structures in the City of Roanoke this year, along with the inspection of one parking structure; on June 7, 1999, Council authorized agreements for consultant services for three years with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc., and Mattern & Craig, Inc., to conduct the above referenced inspection services for the period which includes fiscal year 2001-02; and approval by Council is requested to authorize execution of amendments to the agreements as follows:

Agreement with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc.	
2001 Bridge Inspection:	\$ 55,000.00
30 bridges	
1 tunnel (underpass)	

Agreement with Mattern & Craig, Inc.	
2001 Bridge Inspection:	67,900.00
32 bridges	
Century Station Parking Garage	

Total	\$ 122,900.00
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The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute Amendment No. 2 to each of the agreements for consultant services with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc., and Mattern & Craig, Inc., in the amounts of \$55,000.00 and \$67,900.00, respectively, for the above described inspection services.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#35450-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance of Amendment No. 2 to the City's contract with Hayes, Seay, Mattern & Mattern, Inc., for additional engineering services for the inspection of 30 bridges and 1 tunnel (underpass).

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35450-070201.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following
vote:**

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#35451-070201) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance of Amendment No. 2 to the City's contract with Mattern & Craig, Inc., for additional engineering services for the inspection of 32 bridges and the Century Station Parking Garage.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35451-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

BUDGET-BONDS: The Director of Finance submitted a written report advising that as the City issues general obligation bonds throughout the years, portions of the funding derived from bond issues are allocated to neighborhood storm drain projects; and in recent bond issues, funding has been dedicated to storm drains, as follows:

**\$7,600,000.00 from the bond issue Series 1992A
\$1,600,000.00 from the bond issue Series 1996A
\$315,000.00 from the bond issue Series 1997A
\$2,285,000.00 from the bond issue Series 1999A**

It was further advised that in order to meet the goal of fully

utilizing some of the bond funding from older bond issues, it is recommended that bond funding be shifted between some of the storm drain projects by bond issue, which will not change the funding to any of the projects in total, nor will it change the total storm drain project funding to be undertaken by the City; the change facilitates record keeping requirements and has a positive impact on the City's arbitrage rebate requirements as it pertains to the oldest bond issue; and specific projects and funding involved are as follows:

Project	Impact on 1999 Bonds	Impact on 1996 Bonds	Impact on 1992 Bonds
Peters Creek Land Acquisition	46,636	207,635	(254,271)
Storm Water Model Maintenance	-	19,220	(19,220)
Forest Park Drainage Project	-	19,629	(19,629)
Miscellaneous Storm Drains Phase 2	-	30,591	(30,591)
Garden City Phase 3	(46,636)	-	46,636
Miscellaneous Drainage Projects	-	(146,531)	146,531
Summit Hills Drainage Project	-	(130,544)	130,544
TOTAL	-	-	-

The Director of Finance recommended that Council authorize transfer of storm drain funding between 1992, 1996 and 1999 bond issues.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35452-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-02 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35452-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Bestpitch offered the following resolution:

(#35453-070201) A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, reallocating certain proceeds of its general obligation public improvement bonds, series 1992A, of its general obligation public improvement bonds, series 1996A, and of its general obligation public improvements bonds, series 1999A.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Bestpitch moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35453-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Director of Finance submitted the Financial Report for the month of May, 2001.

(For full text, see Financial Report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Without objection by Council, the Mayor advised that the Financial Report would be received and filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

BUDGET-GRANTS: Ordinance No. 35406, on second reading, amending and reordaining certain sections of the 2001-02 Grant Fund Appropriations, providing for appropriation of Community Development

Block Grant program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body,

Mr. Hudson offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35406-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2001-2002 Grant Fund Appropriations.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Hudson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35406-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White and Mayor Smith-----4.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Member Bestpitch abstained from voting inasmuch as his spouse is employed by the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, Inc., which is one of the organizations proposed for funding.)

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Ordinance No. 35431, on second reading, permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing that certain approximate 12' x 103' alley bounded by Official Tax Nos. 1052401 and 1052404, and entering from the 2400 blocks of Crystal Springs and Richelieu Avenues, S. W., having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body, Mr. Carder offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35431-070201) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35431-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Ordinance No. 35432, on second reading, vacating, discontinuing and closing that certain 15 foot wide alley lying between former Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Map of Official Survey Sheet NW1 on the west and former Lot 11, Block 12, Map of Official Survey Sheet NW1 on the east, extending from Shenandoah Avenue, N. W. (at a point 60 feet west of Jefferson Street, N. W.) northward for a distance of 187.9 feet to Centre Avenue, having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body, Mr. Carder offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35432-070201) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35432-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

ZONING: Ordinance No. 35433, on second reading, rezoning that tract of land containing 10.235 acres, more or less, lying on the south side of Melrose Avenue, N. W., and the west side of Twenty-fourth Street, commonly known as the W. B. Clements, Inc., property, Official Tax No. 2420205, from C-2, General Commercial District, to IPUD,

Industrial Planned Unit Development District, subject to certain proffers contained in the First Amended Petition for rezoning filed in the City Clerk's Office on May 17, 2001, having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body, Mr. Carder offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35433-070201) AN ORDINANCE to amend §36.1-3, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and Sheet No. 242, Sectional 1976 Zone Map, City of Roanoke, to rezone certain property within the City, subject to certain conditions proffered by the applicant.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35433-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

CITYPROPERTY-INDUSTRIES: Ordinance No. 35435, on second reading, providing for the fee simple conveyance of two small tracts of City-owned property located at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology, to Blue Hills Golf Corporation and to Anderson Wade Douthat, et. al., having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body, Mr. Carder offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35435-070201) AN ORDINANCE providing for the fee simple conveyance of two small tracts of City-owned property located at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology, adjacent to Tracts A, B and F, to the Blue Hills Golf Corporation (containing approximately 14,000 sq. ft.) and to Anderson Wade Douthat, et. al., (containing approximately 12,000 sq. ft.), upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35435-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Ordinance No. 35436, on second reading, permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing that certain 18 foot public right-of-way which crosses Official Tax No. 4010213, between Norfolk Avenue, S. E., and Official Tax No. 4010209, having previously been before the Council for its first reading on Monday, June 18, 2001, read and adopted on its first reading and laid over, was again before the body, Mr. Carder offering the following for its second reading and final adoption:

(#35436-070201) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35436-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COUNCIL: Mr. Carder offered the following resolution establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the fiscal year

commencing July 1, 2001, and terminating June 30, 2002:

(#35454-070201) A RESOLUTION establishing a meeting schedule for City Council for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2001, and terminating June 30, 2002.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35454-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COUNCIL-VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE: Mr. Carder offered the following resolution providing that the regular meeting of Council scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2001, shall be held at 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2001, due to the Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference scheduled to be held on October 14-16, 2001, in Virginia Beach, Virginia:

(#35455-070201) A RESOLUTION providing that the regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., on Monday, October 15, 2001, shall be held at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2001.

(For full text of resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35455-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

CITY MANAGER-CITY ATTORNEY-DIRECTOR OF FINANCE-MUNICIPAL AUDITOR-REAL ESTATE VALUATION-BUDGET: Mr. White offered the following emergency ordinance establishing compensation for the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance, City Clerk, Municipal Auditor and Director of Real Estate Valuation for the fiscal year 2001-02, retroactive to July 1, 2001:

(#35456-070201) AN ORDINANCE establishing compensation for the City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Director of Real Estate Valuation, Municipal Auditor and City Clerk for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001; and providing for an emergency and an effective date.

(For full text of ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

Mr. White moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35456-070201. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Carder, Hudson, White, Bestpitch and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Harris and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMUNITY PLANNING: Council Member Bestpitch encouraged citizens to obtain a copy of the draft 2001 Comprehensive Plan for review and comment.

COUNCIL: The Mayor advised that July 1, 2001, marked the anniversary of his first year as Mayor of the City of Roanoke, and expressed appreciation for the support he has received during his first year in office.

OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS: The Mayor advised that Council

sets this time as a priority for citizens to be heard; matters requiring referral to the City Manager will be referred, without objection by Council, for response, report and recommendation to Council.

COUNCIL: The Members of Council welcomed the return of Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., to the Council meeting. (Ms. Bethel, an ardent follower of City Council meetings, was ill for an extended period of time.)

Ms. Bethel advised that while she was recuperating at home, she watched Council proceedings on RVTV-Channel 3. She stated that watching Council proceedings on television provides a different perspective and encouraged those persons who have not viewed the proceedings to do so and to be critical of their actions with an eye toward improvements. She also suggested that citizens watch the proceedings to see how their actions can be improved.

There being no further business, at 3:30 p.m., the Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess until Thursday, July 12, 2001, at 12:00 noon, for the Third Leadership Summit on the Virginia Dare Cruise Ship, Airport Road, Moneta, Virginia, to be hosted by Bedford County.

The regular meeting of Roanoke City Council which convened on Monday, July 2, 2001, and was declared in recess until Thursday, July 12, 2001, reconvened at 12:00 noon on the Virginia Dare Cruise Ship, Route 608, Airport Road, Route 853, Southern Bedford County, with Mayor Ralph K. Smith presiding.

PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----3.

ABSENT: Council Members William H. Carder, C. Nelson Harris, William White, Sr., and Linda F. Wyatt-----4.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Rolanda Johnson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the Third Roanoke Valley Regional Leadership Summit which was hosted by Bedford County.

On behalf of Bedford County, Kirby E. Richardson, Vice-Chair, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, extended greetings.

The invocation was delivered by H. Odell “Fuzzy” Minnix, Chair, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors.

Following lunch, the business session convened at 1:15 p.m.

Vice-Chair Richardson welcomed Delegate A. Victor Thomas and his legislative aid Brian Shepherd; Jennifer Faulker representing Congressman Bob Goodlatte; Clara Crouch representing Delegate Clifton A. Woodrum, III; and Allison Baird representing Senator John S. Edwards.

Nanci Drake, Tourism Developer for Bedford County, advised that tourism initiatives can be better accomplished by all Roanoke Valley governments working together in partnership. She congratulated Bedford City and Bedford County upon forming a new department, the Department of Tourism, and by pooling resources, the two localities realized that they could accomplish a great deal.

Susan Gilbert, Coordinator of Economic Development, Bedford County, advised that Bedford County is relatively new to economic development; however, the locality has enjoyed recent successes, with the anticipation of future success. She called attention to the growth of Bedford County since the mid 1970's, much of which is residential growth which requires more services for the County's 60,000 citizens; therefore, in the early 1990's, the Board of Supervisors determined that it was time for Bedford County to get on the “economic development wagon”. She reviewed successes including: a 151 acre park on the eastern side of Bedford County; a decision to direct economic development efforts along the Route 460 Corridor with a concentration of activity to the east of Bedford County, in the middle and to the west; a joint venture with the City of Bedford which evolved into a revenue sharing agreement between the two jurisdictions that has proven to be successful by jointly developing a 100 acre commerce park inside the City limits, and four revenue sharing areas as a part of the same agreement which are located in Bedford County, with Bedford City providing water and sewer services, and revenue is shared on a 50 - 50 basis; the first commercial venture was dedicated on June 20, 2001, with the opening of the new Wal-Mart Super Store on Route 460 East;

bids were received on a small development in the Montvale community of approximately 45 acres, along with a 20 acre commercial venture; and in-depth discussions will take place with the Public Service Authority, the Industrial Development Authority and the Board of Supervisors to coordinate zoning and utility efforts as new parks are developed on the western side of Bedford County.

William C. Rolfe, County Administrator, Bedford County, called attention to an approximate 30 per cent increase in population in Bedford County in each of the last three decades, with the growth rate expected to continue to rise in the future, and in 30 years, Bedford County has the potential to have a population of 137,000 citizens. He stated that County staff is working on a master comprehensive plan update and in terms of residential development, it has been determined that if water and sewer services are available, Bedford County could accommodate, without the rezoning of another piece of property, 500,000 additional homes. He added that with 30 per cent growth per decade and three per cent growth per year, Bedford County must look at future needs to insure that growth takes place in those areas that the County can accommodate.

Mr. Rolfe encouraged the localities to compile information on teacher salaries; i.e.: total salary per annum over a 20 year period compared with other localities comparable in size. He advised that over the past six months, all localities represented on the Leadership Summit have been involved in major school projects..

Clay Goodman, Town Manager, Town of Vinton, presented the Leadership Summit Subcommittee report as a result of a meeting which was held on June 21, 2001, hosted by Roanoke County, and composed of the following participants:

Bedford County:

**Kirby E. Richardson, Vice-Chair, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Sue Gilbert, Economic Development Coordinator
Nancy Johnson - Citizen Representative**

Franklin County:

Wayne Angell, Board Chair, Franklin County Board of Supervisors

**Rick Huff, County Administrator
Rob Glenn, Citizen Representative**

Roanoke County:

**Harry Nickens, Roanoke County Board of Supervisors (was not present for the subcommittee meeting.)
John Chambliss, Assistant County Administrator
Victor Iannella, Citizen Representative**

City of Salem:

**Howard Packett, Council Member
Forest Jones, City Manager
J. Scott Sexton, Citizen Representative**

City of Roanoke:

**Ralph Smith, Mayor
Darlene Burcham, City Manager
Catherine Fox, Citizen Representative (Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau)**

Town of Vinton:

**Don Davis, Mayor
Clay Goodman, Town Manager
Bootie Chewning, Citizen Representative**

Botetourt County:

**William Loope, Chair, Board of Supervisors
David Moorman, Assistant County Administrator**

Mr. Goodman advised that the Subcommittee discussed recommendations to establish a regional identity for economic development purposes and to offer suggestions for consideration by all localities participating in Leadership Summit meetings. He stated that meeting with local government elected and appointed representatives is helping to forge regional cooperation; if the group is to be effective, it is essential that participants begin to identify what the group can

agree on in order to forge a regional identity, which new regional identity could result in representatives coalescing into an effective body to provide results that would help each government to meet its goals and objectives.

He stated that numerous suggestions were discussed by the Subcommittee; however, the Subcommittee focused on establishing a regional General Assembly lobby effort on those issues that all participating governments could reach agreement, to look at establishing an identity that can unite and reach agreement across urban, suburban and rural constituents and establish a name and/or logo which could help to identify and unite the region. He added that the Subcommittee agreed to the following common objectives:

Education

Workforce Development

Transportation

Creation of one identity and image

Historical resources

High paying jobs

One physical identity and one tourism package to market the region.

Mr. Goodman reviewed the following recommendations of the Subcommittee:

(1) The following localities should be invited to participate in future Leadership Summits:

Virginia Tech

Montgomery County

Blacksburg

Christiansburg

Alleghany County

Covington

Clifton Forge

Lynchburg

Craig County

(2) The localities should create an identity and image or “brand” for regional marketing, tourism, economic development and political strength.

(3) As a part of each future Leadership Summit meeting, the host community should provide a brief community profile which would include the community's pressing issues, positive attributes and any other information the host wishes to share with the Leadership Summit group.

(4) The Subcommittee would continue to function in the future, with the immediate past Leadership Summit host community serving as host for the next Subcommittee meeting. The Subcommittee's charge would be to act as an executive board of the full group to afford time and opportunity to discuss action plan recommendations to the full Leadership Summit membership. The Subcommittee host community would set the meeting date, time and location. The host would prepare an agenda and provide the full membership with a report at the next Leadership Summit meeting.

In closing, Mr. Goodman advised that the above recommendations are submitted as the Subcommittee's report and the full membership of the Leadership Summit is requested to act on the recommendations.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Leadership Summit group to approve the above listed recommendations of the Subcommittee, with the addition of Bedford City as a participant in future Leadership Summit meetings.

It was further agreed that Bedford County will host the next Subcommittee meeting at a date and time to be announced.

Officials of Botetourt County extended an invitation to serve as host locality for the Fourth Leadership Summit to be held at Botetourt Education and Training Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, and the City of Salem offered to host the Fifth Leadership Summit.

Mayor Smith expressed appreciation to Roanoke County for its willingness to come to the City's assistance in connection with the City's new solid waste collection program which was implemented on

July 1, 2001. He stated that Roanoke County refuse collection staff and vehicles will assist the City of Roanoke on Saturday, July 14, in an effort to complete the City's weekly refuse collection cycle, and advised that Roanoke County's willingness to come to the aid of its neighboring jurisdiction was offered in the spirit of cooperation that Leadership Summit meetings are intended to encourage.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting of Roanoke City Council adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

A P P R O V E D

ATTEST:

**Mary F. Parker
City Clerk**

**Ralph K. Smith
Mayor**